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FOLLOWING MSG CALCUTTA 2515 DTD 22 OCT 75 RECVD NEW DELHI  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, PINT, IN, BG

SUBJ: FARAKKA AS A POLITICAL ISSUE IN WEST BENGAL

REFS: NEW DELHI W4071; DACCA 4906

1. WE ASSUMED THAT WHAT WAS MEANT PARA 6, DACCA 4906, WAS THAT FARAKKA BARRAGE IS POTENTIALLY OF CENTRAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. THAT OF COURSE IS ENTIRELY CORRECT. SALINITY AND SILTATION OF HOOGLY COULD BE DISASTROUS FOR CALCUTTA IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME ACUTE, AND THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GOWB ARE OBVIOUS. THERE HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN NO NOTICEABLE PUBLIC CONCERN IN WEST BENGAL IN RECENT MONTHS OVER THESE OR RELATED ISSUES; NO DOUBT THERE ARE TECHNICIANS IN THE GOWB WHO WORRY ABOUT THEM BUT ONE WOULD SEARCH THE PRESS, THE COCKTAIL AND THE COFFEE HOUSE CIRCUIT IN VAIN FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THEM.

2. FARAKKA ISSUE MAY COME MORE ALIVE IN THE DRY SEASON, IF THAT EVER SETS IN. THOUGH THE MONSOON WAS SUPPOSED TO END A MONTH AGO, IT HAS CONTINUED TO RAIN HERE THREE OR FOUR TIMES A WEEK, AND ON AFTERNOON OCTOBER 21 THE CITY WAS SWAMPED BY ONE OF THE HEAVIEST DOWNPOURS OF THE 1975 MONSOON SEASON.

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